

*Description of a new Australasian Species of Trichopterygia*: by the Rev. A. MATTHEWS, M.A., Oxon.

*Ptenidium Lawsoni*, Sharp MS.

L. c.  $\frac{6.8}{16}$  lin.—Ovale, convexum, castaneum, nitidum, pilis brevissimis flavis parce vestitum, capite sat parvo, impunctato; pronoto modico, capite parum longiori atque latiori, pone medium latissimo, punctis magnis, foveolatis, remotis, ad basin ordine transverso irregulariter dispositis, interstitiisque glabris nitidis per totum ornato: lateribus marginatis rotundatis, ad basin contractis, angulis basalibus obtusis; scutello magno, glabro, punctis duobus magnis ad basin impresso; elytris ovalibus, ante media latissimis, punctis magnis profundis confertim ornatis, lateribus marginatis, apice lato rotundato; pedibus sat longis, læte flavis; antennis longis gracilibus pallide flavis.

*Head* rather small, smooth, and shining, impunctate, furnished with a few long recurved hairs, with the margins of the clypeus distinctly reflexed near the eyes and antennæ; eyes moderate, prominent; antennæ long and slender, pale yellow.

*Thorax* moderate, longer and wider than the head, widest behind the middle, irregularly covered throughout with very large foveolate punctures, which near the base are arranged in an irregular transverse row, the interstices smooth and shining, the sides margined and rounded, contracted towards the base, the basal margin nearly straight, the angles obtuse.

*Scutellum* large, triangular, somewhat acuminate, smooth and shining, with two large foveolate punctures near the middle of the base.

*Elytra* oval, widest before the middle, rather longer and wider than the head and thorax, closely covered with large and deep punctures, with the interstices smooth and shining, the sides margined, the apex paler, broad, and much rounded.

*Legs* rather long and slender, the tibiae moderately dilated towards their apex, bright yellow.

*Underparts* castaneous, with the mouth, prothorax, and terminal segments of the venter paler.

A very distinct and pretty species. In its foveolate punctuation it resembles *Pt. punctatum*, but is easily recognized by its bright castaneous colour and more ovate form, and especially by the absence of the smooth impunctate and very shining space on the disk of the thorax, so conspicuous in the latter species. Three specimens were found near Auckland, in New Zealand, by Mr. Lawson, and forwarded by him to Dr. Sharp, through whose kindness I received the pair from which this description has been made.

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